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# The Daily Republican.

HAMSHIRE & MOSSER,  
A. K. MCKIM, Publishers.  
Decatur, Illinois:  
Saturday Evening, May 26

The Boston Journal says that the loss in total valuation of property in that city for 1877, as compared with that of last year, will be in the vicinity of sixty million dollars. The decrease last year, as compared with the year before, was forty-five millions, making a shrinkage of about one hundred millions in two years.

MINNESOTA people have found a new way of dealing with the "hopper." A sheet of sheet iron covered with coal tar is drawn over the field. The "hoppers" hop on and stick, and after a quantity is gathered they are burned, the tar lighting their funeral pyre.

NASU now appends to his signature the explanatory affix, "Whish is opprest," and in a recent letter says: "The South wants nussin, and won't be passified without it. The Southern heart wuns fired keeps smolderin' a long time and ain't so easily squelched. Our railroads are not built, our slack-walrin ain't done, and everything is at a standstill. The niggers are prosperous? Troo. But they ain't the ones to be prosperous. We, the superior class, are the ones whch hav the fosterin' in keer uv a paternal and maternal government."

THE Boston Advertiser characterizes the new Illinois law making silver coins a legal tender for all debts in this State, a "strange piece of folly," because it present the value of greenbacks measured in silver is as far above par as is that of gold measured in greenbacks, and the moment, therefore, that subsidiary silver coins are in excessive supply in any city or State, it will pay to send them to Illinois, where the new "bank" them equal to greenbacks.

## Important European Report.

The New York Herald's Vienna correspondent telegraphs a very important report, if true, and its plausibility is such that we are inclined to attach some credence to it. He says:

It is believed in the best informed diplomatic circles that an alliance between Germany and Italy is on the point of being concluded. Italy is evidently disinclined to see the Mediterranean converted into an English lake which it would evidently be if England should get complete connection of the Suez canal. The nations of southern Europe naturally feel jealous of the preponderance of British influence in the Mediterranean, and think their interests are not served by England's possession of Gibraltar and Malta, to say nothing of the virtual control of the Dardanelles. The possession of the Suez canal by England would, therefore, arouse the indignation of the Mediterranean states and throw them into the arms of Russia. Italian statesmen are known to cast a wistful eye on the western shore of the Adriatic, and therefore, there is every reason to believe in the probability of the reported intent to cordial between Italy and Germany.

## STRAWBERRY SHORT-CAKE.

Strawberries being now ready for market, we clip the following recipe from an exchange, for making the famous strawberry shortcake:

One quart of sifted flour, one quarter of a pound of butter, two heaping spoonfuls of baking powder, all wet with cold milk or water to the right thickness to roll thin as for jelly cake. Bake in sheets in a quick oven until just done, without browning, then by fruit of any kind between, twice the thickness of the layers, alternating cake and fruit till the whole is as thick as desired. Strawberries should be smashed an hour before, and sprinkled with sugar, to be in the best state for cake, then the juice flows freely and flavors the whole. Return to the oven, with the fruit, and brown the top and sides, then serve with cream.

## The Sullivan Progress says:

The Mattoon, Sullivan & Decatur railroad is now owned by S. D. Frost, Ingerson & Co. It does not yet run its trains through to Decatur. It was thought some weeks ago that trains would soon run through, but the Central road placed its rent too high to pay the Sullivan road to run over the bit of road from the junction to Decatur. The Central road asked \$325 a month for the use of its road the short distance of two or three miles. Mr. Mrs. Clark is the manager of the Sullivan road, and he does not think it profitable to accept such terms. He was at Chicago last week trying to make terms, but failed; and the trains are not liable to run further west than Decatur for some time.

CHICAGO, May 25.—The Republic Life Insurance Company of this city, which has been adding up its business for the last three years, was to-day put into the hands of a receiver by the state auditor. The National Life is not unfavorably affected by this action.

Go to E. B. Pratt's, 37 Old Church street, for your groceries, glass and queensware.

## LETTER FROM O. F. MCKIM.

WICHITA, KAN., May 22, 1877.

EDITORS REPUBLICAN:—Thinking that exaggerated reports of our recent calamity might reach your place and cause unnecessary fears and anxiety concerning friends and relatives living here, I have concluded to pen you a few lines in order to dispel all such worry.

So to begin where most will want to know, we are all safe; no life has been lost, and so far as I can ascertain, no family from Leavenworth or Macon county has been put to any great inconvenience on account of the flood, other than the torture of mind necessarily resulting from such disaster. We had heavy rains for several days last week, that of Friday probably exceeding any of the others; the basins and low places were filled to overflowing, and already many houses were surrounded with water, and in a few instances the occupants compelled to vacate.

Now the Little Arkansas runs just north of the city—say about two miles away—and joins the Big Arkansas at the upper part of the town, both rivers were known to be rising rapidly on Saturday, but no further notice was taken of this than the mere observation of the fact. By taking the matter in hand at any time before noon on that day George Dempsey, with a small force to help him, could have easily prevented all our troubles; but George wasn't here, you see, and this thing had never occurred since the founding of the city, so we were left to our fates. Soon after the overflow occurred—about 3:30 or 4 o'clock—Major Hope made a call for volunteers and about a hundred heroic citizens responded, under the Major's leadership an energetic effort was made for several hours to interpose an obstruction, but it was too late; the water had the start and kept it; the river then continued to rise, then followed another overflow further up the river, and this began the complete submersion of almost the entire northern half of the city.

A thunderstorm of more than ordinary fury set in just as "night drew her subtle curtain down," but she didn't pin it with a star this time that anybody knew of. Oh! what a sorry situation it was! The waters rising—rising—the water areas spreading—the rain in torrents pouring down, while the lurid lightning rent the sky as if to division mocking at our calamity and adding still greater ghastliness to the situation. As to the high ground to flee to there was none, these dismal realities staring the citizen of Wichita squarely in the face. And thus the weary hours dragged slowly along until after midnight when the clouds righted, the sky cleared and the cheering cry went forth that the waters were at a stand still. But this stand still came when almost the entire city north of Douglas Avenue was one continuous sheet of water. The flooded families found ready help in transferring their goods and chattels to places of apparent safety; the more fortunately situated did all in their power to provide for the comforts of their less fortunate neighbors, and many a drowned-out family had to be "taken in out of the wet."

Many incidents are reported—some funny, some otherwise. The circus advertised for that day and night was on hand in the evening, they processed, sent up the inevitable balloon, sold a few tickets and went through their little performance just the same as if nothing had been the matter. Some of the highest and dryest individuals in town made the loudest lamentations, while others persisted in being let alone when almost everything else was afloat. Some of my neighbors and myself being too fortunate to enjoy the "sports" of down town, got up a little "corner" of our own; as the result of a brief consultation, we selected the house which we conceived to be constructed most nearly after the plan of that ancient craft built and navigated by one Noah. Thither we carried—by wading of course—our wives and little ones. We looked after another neighbor reported to be sick; responded to a widow's cry for help, a block or more away, and finally went in and closed the doors.

As soon as this last was done, Stanley went down into the musty pages of a well-thumbed work on navigation, while I, with less ambition, duly installed myself as ship's cook, commissary or something of the kind, and was not long in issuing my first rations, consisting of popovers and a little water.

No church bells were rung on Sunday and there was no service in any of the churches. The few gondolas owned in the city were gliding up and down and through the principal streets during the entire day carrying burdens of precious freight. All sorts, shapes and kinds of pleasure crafts were afloat, from the diminutive washtub schooner to the stately raft constructed of a firm section of sidewalk; wheeled vehicles also were perambulating the streets, the water seldom rising above the axle, and never coming into the bed; wading and swimming were also favorite methods of "doing" this "proud city of the waters."

The shallowness of the water in the streets will readily indicate the uniformly level situation of the town, and will also tell why the flood became so general; also the fact of the area's being so extensive will explain in a measure the security to life and property, for there was no rushing torrent, but the waters rose so gradually that the inundated ones had ample opportunity for wading and cutting out.

LONDON, May 25.—The Times estimates from the rate of speed and the direction in which the steamer City of Brussels was proceeding, on various occasions when spoken, that she will be due at Queenstown, May 27 or 28.

Queenstown, May 25.—The steamer Russia, which arrived to day, from New York, landed the fourth officer of the disabled steamer, City of Brussels, at Crookhaven, this morning. The City of Brussels, yesterday, was 290 miles from port, and tugs have gone out to meet her. She expected to reach here Sunday.

O. F. McKim.

## THE HORRORS OF WAR.

An Episode of the Russo-Turkish Campaign of 1811.

In 1811 the opposing Russian and Turkish armies stood facing each other on opposite banks of the Danube. During the night between the 8th and 9th of September the Turks succeeded, by making a feint, and so attracting the Russians to the spot some three miles below the real point of passage, in throwing a force of 2,000 men and four guns across the river, a short distance above Giurgevo. The first attempts of the Russians to drive the small body back into the river were successfully withstood; reinforcements were rapidly brought over from the right to the left bank until, finally, 30,000 men and 50 guns were assembled on the north, on shore. Every effort to advance further and drive back the Russians was, however, repulsed; the Turks themselves being obliged, after a time to construct intrenchments to withstand the counter attacks against them. Unable to drive back the invading force the Russians desisted from any further active movements against it, but bringing a strong flotilla of gunboats up the Danube to prevent supplies being carried across the river into the Turkish camp, they quietly awaited events. The provisions of the Turkish force, thus completely isolated, unable to advance because of the Russian force in front of it, unable to retreat because of the flotilla which effectively prevented any bridge being thrown across the river, soon began to run short. The weather became cold, but there was no fire with which to kindle fires. Under these circumstances the sufferings of the men was intense. For some time there was horse flesh, but it had to be eaten raw, as even the tent poles had been cut up and burned. Hundreds died daily, and their comrades had not strength to bury them. Disease was added to famine, so that when finally, on the 8th of December, peace was concluded, but 4,000 men, who are described as being but living skeletons with scarce strength to stand upright, were left out of the 30,000 who three months before had crossed the river.

## Mississippi Murders.

# TELEGRAPHIC

## THE WAR.

### NO IMPORTANT BATTLE EXPECTED AT PRESENT.

### Bombardment of Kars.

### The Disabled Steamer.

### THE MISSISSIPPI MURDERS.

### OTHER HOME NEWS.

### LONDON, May 25.—A telegram from St. Petersburg says intelligence has been received from Kars that the Turks, having received considerable re-enforcements, intend assuming the offensive.

Advices from the Caucasus to May 23 report that Abchazian insurgents have suffered considerable loss in a sharply contested engagement.

LONDON, 26.—The Times' Bucharest correspondent says: Present indications strengthen the conclusion that no important event will occur on the Danube until the will front line is in position on the bank of the river. A strong corps will be formed on the extreme right, composed of the Roumanian army and a division of the Russians, and this force will move to the Turkish side of the Timok and turn the left flank of the Balkan line by a movement on Softa and Philippopolis. Such a flank attack would not violate the promise not to enter Servian territory, and would unquestionably bring a corps of twenty thousand Servians to assist it. A Russian corps crossing Wilda would paralyze the Widin garrison and leave the Timok Valley column unopposed, with a friendly country on its right, from which to draw supplies. The question whether the Roumanian army will cross the Danube, as advised by the war party, is now seriously embarrassing the Roumanian government, and it is impossible to foresee the Cabinet's decision.

The Austrian Government has informed Roumanian ministers that it feels a friendly interest in the new state, and as Roumania has now obtained her independence, Austria can not see why she should cross the Danube in search of anything else.

BUCHAREST, May 25.—A small Russian steamer has been captured and burned by the Turks near Isla.

Constantinople, May 25.—In consequence of a sofa demonstration yesterday, a state of siege has been proclaimed in Constantinople and in the vicinity of this city.

Bucharest, May 25.—It is stated that the government will shortly force legal tender treasury notes for \$6,000,000.

Constantinople, May 25.—The Russians are still bombarding the forts before Kars, which are replying vigorously. The minister of war has telegraphed the Bey of Tunis to send a contingent of troops to Turkey.

Viena, May 25.—Special political correspondence from Belgrade reports that the Turks have occupied several points on the River Timok—chiefly the positions they occupied during the Servian war—and have established a blockade along the Servian frontier. Servia has not sent a single soldier to the frontier yet.

MEMPHIS, May 25.—The American news of to-morrow will contain a lengthy interview of a correspondent with Governor Stone, of Mississippi, in relation to the Kemper county massacre, in which the governor states that he has done all in his power to bring the guilty ones to trial, by requesting Judge Ilionom, circuit judge, to call an extra session of his court for that purpose, and that under the laws of the State the executive has no power to do anything in the matter. He had gone to DeKalb as soon as he heard of the riot, but when he arrived the rioters had dispersed and nothing was left for him to do except to go and see Judge Ilionom and ask the judicial officers to take steps to bring them to trial. The governor thought it extremely doubtful if a jury in Kemper county would convict the rioters, who are old residents.

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WIDIN, May 25.—Reports are current of a Bulgarian rising at Vratza and Bergovatz, in the Balkans.

A Times dispatch from Berlin states that the Russian main army in Asia, which took Ardahan, is 70,000 strong. A portion of this force having since been detached, Batoum is now seriously imperiled. The recall of Russian representatives from Vienna, and Belgrade is attributed to a wish to avoid discussions about the possibility of Servia's participation in the war.

The Russian Ambassador at Vienna has gone home on furlough.

The Russian Telegraphic Agency states that the telegrams announcing that the Russians were preparing to cross the Danube over Servian territory, and that Prince Milan's ministers have advised him to proclaim independence and to declare war, are false.

Russia will respect Servia's neutrality. Her independence is a matter which will only be settled by agreement among the great powers.

A special from Berlin reports that some vessels of the Russian squadron, which left America with sealed orders, will return to Cronstadt, and others will anchor before Gibraltar to intercept neutral ships carrying arms and ammunition for Turkey.

LONDON, May 25.—The correspondent of the Daily News at Vienna, says it is stated on good authority that the Russian army in Roumania does not exceed 130,000. Three complete army corps have not yet crossed the Pruth. Fifty Ultimas have been landed in the Crimea to excite the Moslem inhabitants against Russia.

Private dispatches received at Vienna assert that the Sultan fled to the Asiatic shore of the Bosphorus on the approach of a procession of Sofas, and only returned after the proclamation of a state of siege.

The News' Bucharest dispatch says that between Galatz and Bucharest the railway is all but blockaded by a series of immensely long trains, crowded with infantry. Bucharest continues the principal center whence the columns radiate to their respective destinations on the Danube and this important artery is the road from Bukk to Alteina.

A special from Erzeroum reports that a column from the van of a column of Circassians, from Erzeroum, are pushing forward to Bayazid to cut off the Russian advance in that quarter.

During the week the river has risen three feet at Widin.

In Government circles at Vienna the Sofia demonstration is regarded as the commencement of another revolution.

A Nikopolis dispatch says there was a brisk engagement near that place to-day between a Turkish iron-clad and a Russian fortress. The Turks destroyed the earthworks, and the enemy retreated, leaving 40 dead on the field.

Summer Opening of Fashionable Millinery, Thursday and Friday, May 31st and June 1st.

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Ice Cream, richly flavored, big dishes, at Miller's.

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DECATUR, ILLINOIS:

Saturday Evening, May 26.

For Member Board of Education.  
We are authorized to announce H. R.  
Burke as a candidate for member of the  
Board of Education.

## CITY DEPARTMENT.

Niedermeyer's, near the Mound, is  
the place to buy choice groceries at  
bottom figures.

Try the "East Mall" fluorescent  
bacon, sold by Newell & Hammer.

Harvey Downing's huck is always  
on hand, and calls in any part of the  
city.

B. F. Taylor runs his hack to meet  
all trains, and delivers passengers in  
any part of town.

H. Post is the champion dealer in  
watch, clock and jewelry, and sells  
all goods in his line at lowest prices.

A full line of ladies and gents' fur-  
nishing goods, at low prices, at S. Elmo-  
stein's. May 17 d&w

The verdict of the jury in the Buck-  
ett case is the subject of conversation  
on the streets. Of course there are  
various opinions as to its justice—some  
thinking the punishment too light,  
while others think it excessive.

The general quiet of the town and  
the indisposition of the people to civil  
litigation, give our new Justices ample  
time to read law and post themselves as  
to their duties.

The American House, now in charge  
of Harry Holmes, is being thoroughly  
renovated, having new paper and paint  
inside, while the yard and outbuildings  
are being rearranged and put in arbore-  
order.

Corn-planting kept the farmers from  
town to-day, and notwithstanding the  
pleasantness of the day the streets have  
seemed very dull, and trade has been  
very light.

An elegant line of summer hats just  
received at B. Stine's, the clothiers.

May 22 d&amp;w

Alf Bailey is not "out in the streets"  
any more with his taffy, but has opened  
a bakery in one of Ham's rooms, on  
Prairie street, where he will keep a ba-  
kery and restaurant.

Hold's green grocery in Priest house  
block is the place to get strawberries,  
new potatoes and garden truck generally.

W. C. Armstrong keeps a full line  
of sponges, chamois skins and brushes.

Don't go visiting much these days,  
but give the folks time to clean house.

Many man has ruined his eyes by  
hanging around saloons and looking for  
work, instead of using his legs to go and  
hunt it.

For a delicious smoke get your  
cigars at Birrell & Bullard's.

Soda fountains have commenced to  
flame, as they say what kind of syrup they will have, give the  
boy at the faucet a sly wink.

The following item, clipped from  
the Champaign Gazette, will interest  
some of our Juvenile readers, as they  
doubtless remember the boy named in  
the paragraph:

Rev. W. N. McElroy, a boy, aged  
about 12 years, fell from a loft in Wil-  
bur's barn while playing, yesterday  
afternoon, and sustained some severe  
bruises.

The carpet exhibitor at Abel &  
Locke's is one of the noblest inven-  
tions of the times. Call and see it.

The fountain basin in the park is  
being cemented to-day, and it is thought  
that it will be ready to let the water in  
this evening, and should this be done  
hundreds of people will be likely to  
visit it to-morrow. The sod, which has  
been laid in the park this spring, is in  
fine condition, being covered with a  
heavy coat of thrifty grass.

A nice cow died this morning about  
11 o'clock, belonging to a man in the  
south part of town, whose name we did  
not learn. The animal was well at 9  
o'clock, about which time she was turned  
into a patch of clover, where she fed  
with such avidity as to bring on what  
is known as "the clover disease," and  
died in two hours from the time she was  
turned into the clover patch. This  
may serve as a caution to others not to  
allow cattle to luxuriate in fresh clover.

What nice cool mornings these  
are; what is more delightful than to  
spring merrily from bed at five o'clock in  
the morning and take a stroll, breathing  
the fragrance-laden air and listening to  
the chirping of the birds among the  
trees? Well, indeed, unless it is to lie  
soundly abed and wonder what fools are  
prancing about in the damp air at such  
a time.

An exchange says: "Compare the  
publisher of a newspaper, who has to  
go all around the country to collect his  
pay, to a farmer who sells his wheat on  
credit, and not more than a bushel to  
any person. If any farmer will try the  
experiment of distributing the proceeds  
of his labor over two or three counties,  
with an additional one or two or three  
different states, for one year, we will  
guarantee that he will never, after that  
year's experience, ask a publisher to  
supply him with a paper a year or two  
without the pay for it."

Hon. Joseph G. Cannon requested  
Col. W. P. Chandler, of Danville; Prof  
Pickard, of Champaign, and E. A. Gast-  
man, of this city, to act as a committee  
to examine candidates for a cadetship at  
the U. S. Naval Academy. The com-  
mittee met at Champaign yesterday,  
when seven candidates presented them-  
selves for examination. The work was  
all in writing, and embraced spelling,  
English Grammar, Arithmetic and  
Geography. The prize was unanimously  
awarded to C. W. Stewart, of Cham-  
paign, Ill.

## A BIG BLAZE.

Two Dwellings Consumed by Fire.—The  
Contents of One Gone up in Smoke  
and Flame—Adjacent Houses  
Impaired.

About one o'clock this morning an  
alarm of fire disturbed the quiet of the  
town, and brought a large number of  
people upon the streets. At the same  
time a brilliant light and a heavy vol-  
ume of smoke could be seen in an  
easterly direction from the business part  
of town, which drew the crowd in that  
direction. It was soon ascertained that  
the residence of Mrs. McLennan, on the  
southeast corner of East William and  
Main streets, was on fire, and that the  
flames were already taking hold of the  
house closely adjoining it on the east.

The Rescue Hose Company was first  
upon the ground, and was soon followed  
by the other two companies, together  
with the Hook and Ladder boys. A vigor-  
ous attack upon the fire was at once  
commenced by the fire companies, but  
the flames had gained such headway  
that the houses were burned to perfect  
wrecks before the flames could be subdued.

Services in the usual hours. Subject  
in the morning, "Self denial and Cross-  
bearing." In the evening, "The Sufferings  
of Christ." A cordial welcome to all.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

In the morning Rev. Dr. Gill, of Ken-  
tucky, Moderator of the General As-  
sembly of the C. P. Church, will preach.  
At night the services will be conducted  
by the pastor. Subject—Suicide, in-  
stantaneous and gradual.

SUPERSTITION.

A panacea, or "cure-all," is one of the  
myths of the age of superstition. Dr. R.  
V. Pierce does not recommend any one  
or even his whole list of standard reme-  
dies as adequate to cure every disease.

For severe lingering coughs, bronchitis,  
throat, and chronic lung diseases, he be-  
lieves his Golden Medical Discovery is  
unpassed, but it will not cure you if  
your lungs are half wasted by consump-  
tion. The Discovery not only exercises  
a potent influence over pulmonary affec-  
tions, by reason of its pectoral properties,  
but possesses also the most valuable alter-  
native, or blood-cleansing properties, and  
is therefore a sovereign remedy in blood  
and skin affections. But while it will  
cure scrofulous and other ulcers and sores,  
itchiness, pimples and eruptions, it will  
not cure cancer, nor does its manufacturer  
claim any such merit for it as is done by  
proprietors of other blood-cleansing medi-  
cines, who dishonestly try to deceive the  
afflicted into the belief that their prepara-  
tions will accomplish impossibilities. By  
reason of its real intrinsic merit it has a  
sales surpassing that of any other blood  
and cough medicine.

A DOUBLE DOSE OF BULL-DOZING.—  
Yesterday a young man by the name of  
John Donnelly came to town from the  
vicinity of Lake City. Thinking that he  
must have a good time over so important  
an event as that of visiting the city, he  
went in for a few doses of benzine as a  
means of bringing himself to the proper  
state of mind to appreciate a genuine  
jubilation. It seems that in his case,  
as in many others, it happened, that as his  
spirits revived his physical force abated,  
and he became exceedingly irregular in his movements. In this  
condition he fell in with some other  
chaps, whose names he does not know,  
one of whom gave him a regular "bulldozer"  
on the mouth, causing his face to bleed freely,  
and sending him to sleep.

Donation to the Street Railway.—Mr.  
Kneiper, the Merchant street jeweler,  
has presented a nice clock to the street  
railway company for each of the two  
cars now on the track, and the time-  
keepers are already in position and doing  
duty.

Having used Dr. Marshall's Lung  
Syrup in my practice for some time, I am  
prepared to say, that it is a superior rem-  
edy for all cases of Coughs, Colds and  
diseases of the lungs and chest.

D. F. WALLMAN,  
May 21 d&w | Springfield, Mich.

TEMPERANCE.

The Woman's Temperance Union extend an earnest invitation  
to all lovers of temperance and humanity in Decatur and vicinity, to  
meet at the First M. E. Church, on  
Tuesday evening, May 29th. Let every man  
who has earned words come prepared to speak them. By all means let  
the young men come. There will be  
music and speeches by "our young  
folks."

Will the city pastors please announce  
the meeting from their pulpits next  
Sunday?

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Attention, Firemen!—There will be  
a meeting of the Fire Department at  
headquarters on Saturday evening, May  
29th, at 8 o'clock, p. m., sharp, to make  
arrangements to participate in the cele-  
bration of Decoration Day, and for  
such other business as may be deemed  
necessary. Let there be a full attendance.

W. M. Dobson, Chief Engineer.

Ice Cream in pint and quart boxes for  
family use, every day during the hot  
season at Miller's. May 18 d&w

The members of the various literary  
societies connected with the Illinois Indus-  
trial University, at Champaign, held an  
oratorical contest last evening for  
the purpose of selecting two orators to  
represent the institution at the coming  
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Grand Excursion to Springfield.—Be-  
sure to go to Springfield with the grand  
excursion, which comes off on Thurs-  
day, May 31st. This will afford a rare  
opportunity to visit the new State  
House, the Lincoln Monument, the  
Watch Factory and Steel Works, together  
with whatever there is in the  
capital city of the State. Cars leave the  
depot in Decatur at 8 o'clock, a. m., and  
leave Springfield to return at 8 o'clock,  
p. m. Fare for the round trip, only  
\$1.00; for children under 12 years, 50  
cents.

Everybody goes to MILLER'S Restau-  
rant. Jan 8 d&w

THE BEST COMES LAST.

A Large Assortment of children's  
colored shoes just received at  
May 8 d&w | BANNER & BAKER'S.

CARPETS Within the past few days  
we have added largely to our stock of  
Brussels and Ingrain carpets, in new and  
handsome styles.

Jesse Lockhart, of Niantic, was in  
town to-day, discussing with much  
curiosity the political situation.

Capt. T. J. Abel and son, S. S. Jack  
having terminated their labors as legis-  
lators, have resumed the role of private  
citizens, and again are seen upon our  
streets. Neither of them look as if  
their responsibilities had rested upon  
their minds with sufficient weight to  
interfere with their sleep or regular  
meals.

Miss Mary Wise, who is teaching  
school at Luke Lake, came home to-day  
to spend the Sabbath.

Wm. Shroll, Esq., of Illini township,  
paid us a visit yesterday, and paid for  
the four copies of the REPUBLICAN  
which he sends to his friends in various  
parts of the country.

A STITCH IN TIME.—As the sickly  
season is rapidly approaching would it  
not be advisable to call at "Our Drug  
Store," west of the post office, and procure  
some good tonic that will strengthen  
the system, enabling you to pass  
through the summer season un molested  
with ague and fever.

March 17 d&w

CROQUET—John C. Mark has a full  
line of croquet sets, of different prices,  
and also new styles of picture frames  
and mouldings, all of which he is selling  
very cheap. Call and examine these  
goods before purchasing.

May 9 d&w

THE HEALTH-LIFF makes strong ap-  
peals to the common sense of every man  
and woman, in every walk of life, who  
values health as the greatest of earthly  
blessings. See advertisement in to-  
day's paper.

ACCOMMODATION TO CHURCH GOERS.—  
On Sunday the street cars will be run  
at all hours, which will accommodate  
the people living in the east part of  
town with a ride to and from the  
churches up town, and also those living  
in the western or central portions of the  
city with a ride to and from church in  
the direction of the depot.

DRUG STORE.—The Canadian Oil is for sale at "OUR  
DRUG STORE" by

S. M. IRWIN,

S. W. Cor. P. O. Block, Decatur, Ill.  
Being well recommended by all Druggists,  
Physicians and every one who has ever  
used it. Try one bottle and be convinced.

PRICE, PER BOTTLE, 75 CTS.

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PITTSBURGH, PA.

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A Large Lot of new prints, at 6 cents,  
Dec 12 d&w

THE GOLDEN AGE.

May 17 d&w

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